

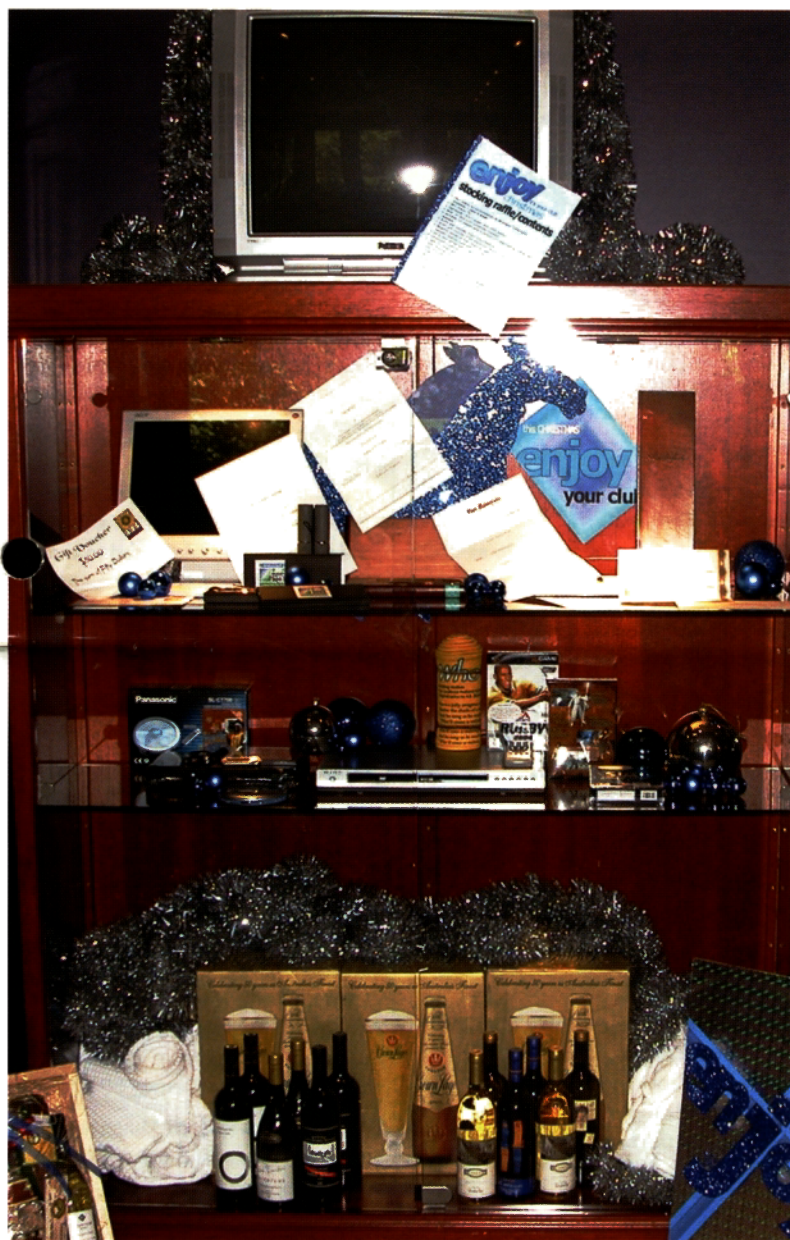


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newsletter christmas 2003

Full as a Christmas Stocking at Tattersalls.



> In keeping with Tattersall's Christmas tradition, Thursday December 18 will certainly be the day to pay a visit.

> Not only will members enjoy the hospitality of the Chairman's shout, and try their luck on the famous Tattersall's Chocolate Wheel, they will also stand to take home a host of prizes stuffed into this year's Christmas stocking.

> And let's face it. Even Santa would have trouble delivering a stocking this chock full of goodies.

> Like two nights accommodation at Brisbane Tattersalls available 7 days a week, \$200 Gift Vouchers from Vince Maloney and Rochefort Handmade ties & accessories.

> A closer look will reveal two \$50 gift vouchers from Potterround floral design, Rugby World Cup Australian scarf, binoculars and classic pen, and a La Flor Dominicana wooden display case with six cigars courtesy of Bogarts House of fine cigars and tobacco.

> Then there's the PC games "The Lord of the Rings the Return of the King" "The Sims Making Magic", "Rugby 2004" A portable CD player with a bonus CD case with an integrated speaker and a Samsung DVD.

> And whole lot more. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the Bar, morning porters desk and the office.

> If you're lucky, all your Christmases will come at once.

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The New Years Race Day

After the huge success of the first experimental Tattersall's New Years Race Day in 1865, it was decided that the event be staged annually.

In true Tattersall's style the 1865 race day was first class. With the introduction of cardboard race cards, detailing the starters of the day and a prize offering of 65 pounds trophy, donated by William O'Brien, along with 100 sovereigns donated by Tattersall's Club. Then it was known as the O'Brien's Cup, today we know it as Tattersall's Club Cup.

Today the tradition continues. Positioned in the prime race viewing room, The Vice Regal Room, Tattersall's Members are treated to exclusive grandstand seating, elegant dining room facilities, full bar access and bookmaking services.

The days racing is always first class and the overall mood of the Members and the general public is in keeping with celebrating the first day of the year.

So why not do as so many happy Members have done since 1865, and kick 2004 off with Tattersall's.



Book now - filling fast - limited spaces available.

Sefood Buffet \$75 per person.

The Christmas Chocolate Wheel

December 18 sees the resumption of a Christmas tradition at Tattersall's that dates back over 50 years. Once again Tattersall's will be spinning the Christmas Chocolate Wheel.

In days gone by, the wheel would spin every night in the week leading up to Christmas. Members would crowd the bar in the hope of collecting a leg of ham for the Christmas table.

So in keeping with tradition, the Chocolate Wheel will be spinning throughout lunch and dinner on Thursday the 18th of December. Tickets are \$1.00 each with 50 sold per spin. Prizes will be your choice of a leg of ham or a bottle of Champagne. With over 60 spins throughout the day, it's little wonder the Christmas Chocolate Wheel is so popular!

The Christmas Chocolate Wheel is not the only great Tattersall's tradition that takes place over the festive season.

New Services for 2004

New Reciprocal Clubs

The Royal Canadian Yacht Club
Toronto, Canada.

Pacific Bay Club
Bangkok, Thailand.

The Houston Club
Houston, Texas USA.

Jakarta International Club
Jakarta, Indonesia.

The Balboa Bay Club
Newport Beach, California USA

Manila Polo Club
Manilla, Philippines.

Tattersalls Dry Cleaing

Starting in January 2004 Tattersalls have it's own dry cleaning service for Members.

The service will be available from the 12th January 2004. Vince Maloney will be the providing the cleaning service, just drop of your cleaning items at the front desk.

Friday December 5 was a great day for not only ducks but for around 35 hardy Tatts golfers who teed off at the challenging NSW Golf course at La Perouse. With the entire party now on their way, what began as a steady drizzle deteriorated as the wind picked up and rain bucketed down.

Still, a bad day on the golf course is better than a good day in the office. One thing that didn't deteriorate was John Tierney's golf game, winning the day with 36 stableford points.

He chipped and puttred like a master and when he got into trouble he escaped like Houdini. Obviously all the better from his warm-up match at the magnificent Ellerstone course the week before.

Alex Thorpe won the longest drive with a 300m+ smash down the 18th but still managed to double-bogey the hole.

Stuart Cameron's sailing skills came into play. He won nearest the pin on the 11th with a shot that started 30 degrees wide of the green but sailed back beautifully in the wind to within 1m of the hole and sank the putt.

- Swimmers Mick Gillis and Jim Tuite will be summonsed before the Swimming Committee to explain their 'no show' just because there was a bit of water around.

- Hugh Williamson finished a difficult round (after inflicting his own handicap in the Bourbon and Beefsteak the night before) and raced to the bar in a sodden and distressed state to order, in fine pommy tradition, a strong cup of tea!

- Rick Glover was full of admiration for his home course (and deservedly so) but didn't want to talk about his result on the day.

Results

Nearest the pin 2nd - Alex Thorpe
Nearest the pin 11th - Stuart Cameron
Longest Drive 18th - Alex Thorpe
Bradman Trophy - Ron Denning 11 pts
Equal 4th - David O'Dowd, Dave Watson, Charlie Plumridge, 31 points
3rd - Matt Ellison 33 points
Runner up - Alan Brown 34 points
The Winner - John Tierney 36 points

Special thanks to Jock Murray and Lee Farrell for helping out on the day but were unable to play.

John Tierney

snooker

On 6 November 2003 the last challenge night for the year was held and it saw John Stewart defeat Mark Twigg in the final. This had the result that Mark ended up at the top of the ladder for the year and congratulations are due to him. Mark was described as a monument as a man, an ornament to the game and a great ambassador for the code, a description which clinched the club cliché championship for Peter Twigg. It was like appearing in Court with a reference from your mother.

Peter, who could be described as being challenged in the low drag co-efficiency department and who, like the Irish hooker Keith Wood, bears a strong resemblance to Uncle Fester, defeated another Uncle Fester look-a-like, Michael Fitzgerald, in a round of the billiards handicap later in the week. Peter's form shows that in spite of his recent operation, age has neither wearied him nor have the years condemned. It's great to have him around the club again.

Joe Minici, our professional, has returned from China where, in the IBS rankings he was the best performed Australian and congratulations are extended to him for a great performance.

In the Calcutta, Mark Twigg, John Threlfo and John Stewart are three of the semi finalists, with a final place awaiting the outcome of a Dennis Pidcock/Eddie Charlton match. These players are treating the tournament a bit like the race between the tortoise and the hare and it is hoped that despite the rugged international schedule that Eddie has, he will be available soon to allow the tournament to proceed.

A word of advice: If you encounter Stephen O'Halloran around the club, it would be best not to ask how the boat 'Blind Justice' is going. During a recent race, Steve mistook the word 'Park', in Neilson Park, as an imperative and the yacht ran aground just before the shark net. Stephen said he preferred to have a bottle and glass in front of him than Bottle and Glass point under his keel.

John Stewart appears to have renewed his contact with the Dark Side, if the colour of his shirts are any indication. He looks as if he is



dressed by the current Minister of Police. John's earlier career was distinguished when, acting as a debt collector, he pioneered such revolutionary techniques as taking the debtor's wife as a hostage, and a letter of demand which ended with the words 'If you do not pay, God will call you home'. John's comfort to those who think nobody cares if they live or die is 'just miss a mortgage payment'.

John Threlfo is the real dark horse of the tournament. John is a great supporter of the Briars Rugby Football Club, where he rejoices in the name of 'Thirsty' for reasons that can't be explained, and he has been quietly disposing of opponents to reach the round of four.

Details of all upcoming matches are on the notice board on the third floor and all members are welcome.

Please visit our new for recent results and more details.

Chalky

fly fishing

"The members who enjoyed the final Challenge Ladder competition for 2003"



"The final three placegetters in the 2003 Challenge Ladder". John Stewart (2nd), Mark Twigg (1st) and Kaz Pociask (3rd).

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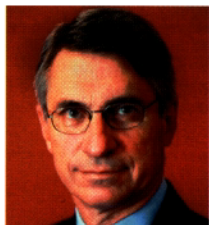
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Watch our website in 2004 for more about the fishead anglers.





secretary



Mark Bartrop
Tattersalls Secretary

Well what a final, the greatest game ever played according to John Eales, I will leave that up to individual discussions over a few cold ones, certainly it was an incredibly exciting game which in the end was decided by a difficult drop goal from one hell of a footballer. Both teams are to be congratulated for a thrilling edge of your seat battle, a fitting ending to a great tournament. Highlights were obviously the support shown by Australian crowds for the lesser known countries and the fantastic win by Australia over the All Blacks.

During December we will be selling raffle tickets in the Tattersalls Christmas stocking, a list of the goodies within the stocking are displayed within the newsletter, at \$10 per ticket it is great value with something for every member of the family in the stocking.

The big date of the month is 18th December, when we will draw the Christmas raffle and the famous Tattersalls Chocolate wheel will take place both at lunchtime and during the Chairman's Shout from 6pm at night. If you would like the opportunity to win champagne and hams, see you there.

Finalising the renovation work to the Athletic Department changing rooms is taking a bit longer than expected, I can assure all members that this matter is on the front burner and will hopefully be completed by mid January, my apologies for the delay. On the subject of the AD the new food service area will be installed before Christmas, this will tidy up what has become a messy area.

We have recently opened the new Tattersalls Website - www.tattersallsclub.org - through this website you will be able to check your house account at any time and you will also be able to make payments to your account. These processes can be done through the member's section. We will be building on to the web site over the next few months expanding it so as to offer you the member a lot more services and information.

The last nine months have been extremely enjoyable for me, forging a close working relationship with the Chairman, Committee and staff has been most rewarding and I look

tattersalls on hyde park

calendar of events

2003 DECEMBER

18th Chocolate Wheel

2003 JANUARY 2004

1st Tattersalls Race Day

For event bookings email the office
today: administration@tattersallsclub.org

forward to a even bigger and better year in 2004.

I would also like to thank all members for making me welcome and offering advise on different issues within the club, in my opinion all feedback is good feedback.

On that note and on behalf of myself and all the staff at Tattersalls I would like to thank you for your continued patronage of the club and wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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from the chairman

I have decided that since the English are such a passionate bunch when it comes to supporting their sporting teams, we really should let them win a little more often. In the two most recent rugby tours – I am counting the Lions tour as the first of these – the English have out-sung us, out-partied us, out-dressed us and, in my view, out-played us. Now, with the World Cup in the northern hemisphere, rugby has a better chance than ever of developing into a truly world game. What is more, the ARU has enough spare petty cash to make sure that the game here is supported and promoted where it really counts; in the clubs, in the schools and in the juniors.

And we now also have time to learn a few decent songs (Advance Australia Fair as a rugby song is serious cringe material!) while we remove from the Wallabies that sense of fragility – that the wheels were about to fall off, or that luck would be needed once again to tip us over the line against a better team.

Sydney proved again that it is a champion city when it comes to world class sporting events. Not so much the venue (personally, I find the trek out to Homebush tiresome at best and I do miss the pre and post match Paddo scene) but rather, the city as a whole which seems to develop a special buzz and to look more beautiful than usual, whatever the weather. Tatts was not excepted from that and I would like to give a special thank you to our concierge and chief designer, Bruce Webb and to committeeman Simon Forsyth and the all of our staff who were responsible for the rugby atmosphere throughout the club during the World Cup.

Unlike the Olympics, our hopes of a bumper trading period in the club failed to materialise. It was almost as if there was little left in people's pockets after having to fork out for the over-priced tickets during the finals series. We should still manage a much improved result this year – depending on the final figures for November and the short but busy month of December.

I hope that you will have time this Christmas to join in the traditional festivities in the Club. Whether a

long lunch with friends, or a session in the bar with the Chocolate Wheel, these sorts of old-fashioned pleasures are still as much fun as ever. Most of the sporting sub-groups are also booked for their special end of year event and if you feel you have lost touch with your old mates, this is definitely the time to call the office, or to check the calendar in this edition of the magazine, to find out what is on. And while about it, a reviving session in the AD, with a swim or a massage, is the best way to cope with the excesses of the season and to keep up the pace.

For me, nothing is more important than staying healthy and fit. Everyone knows that regular exercise is essential yet so many members tell me how hard it is to find time, or to take that first step. One of the best reasons for being a member of Tattersalls is that whatever your age or level of fitness, there are fellow members in the same position as you are, as well as understanding and friendly staff who are keen to make every session easy and enjoyable. Best of all, older members will get the most out of their club with less busy times available – either side of lunchtime, for example.

Next year, Brad is hoping to offer a regular executive-style medical check-up as part of our normal routine. To be carried out by qualified medical practitioners and nursing staff, a full and detailed health assessment will be offered along with the benefits of the on-going training and remedial programs now offered. I have long said that one of the objects of our Club is to look after the health and welfare of our members in what is a tough working environment in the city. Membership ought to have its privileges of course, but soon it will be more valuable than ever.

By any standards, I am a very ordinary snooker player! I have my moments of course (when the moon is in the right quarter, or something like that) but I simply do not play enough to be good at the game. In time, I shall remedy that. But, in the meantime, I have tried out the Challenge nights organised by Joe Minici and the Snooker sub-committee and have thoroughly enjoyed the fun and good friendship in what has to be the best

facility of its type anywhere in the world. Along with an excellent buffet put on by our Chef and his staff, this is a most relaxing night to be recommended to all as a great way to get into another of the special facets of the Club. Put me down for the next one Joe and let the word out too about how good these nights are!

All of the activities that I enjoy in the Club (swimming, skiing, fly fishing, touch football to name but a few) are the result of Tattersall's Club being a catalyst for things that might otherwise pass me by. I have vivid memories of my dad – not long back from the War and keenly involved in the local RSL club, taking me and brother Bill swimming and fishing and away on wonderful weekends with a tribe of other kids. For him, and for Mum and the family, his club was a catalyst for a full and active life which was so good that I was genuinely sad for friends whose dads were not a member of the club. Funnily enough, I still feel sad for my city mates who have not discovered the secret of why clubs like ours are still relevant in this day and age.

And so we come to the end of another year. To all of my fellow members and their families, the Committee and I wish you all the very best for the festive season and for a happy summer holiday before a prosperous new year. Please take care if you are travelling.

Russell Debney



Russell Debney



Join the chairman
on the last Thursday
of each month
following the
committee meeting
for free drinks in the
members bar.

I hope you put into practice my views on training solidly throughout November. The time has arrived to take on the beast that is December. Make no mistake we are all up against it. If the Rugby World Cup knocked you around a little, then December will move in for the kill. So without promoting a life in recluse, here's a few tips to see you through the harsh festive season.

ALCOHOLIC OPTIONS.

If possible settle in for a night on red wine instead of litres of beer. Wine has less calories & less destructive sugars. I'm not saying, "zero beer" but please attempt to limit your intake or dusty mornings and increasing waistlines will prevail.

AVOID LATE NIGHT EATING BINGES.

That means "no" pizza or kebabs after 10pm. To avoid that late night hunger, eat quality food (lots of it if need be) before your alcoholic assault.

EXERCISE RELIGIOUSLY.

Get rid of those toxins ASAP. Yes it may hurt a little, but trust me your liver will certainly appreciate the clean out. Not to mention the overabundance of stored energy that desperately wants to be used as a fuel source.

THE JINGLE OF CAR KEYS.

Take your car keys and claim the need to drop the kids somewhere in the morning. Particularly if you have another engagement the next night.

WATER.

Reduce headaches, hangovers, carpet mouth, and morning sweats. Throw down half a litre of H2O before a big night, particularly if drinks are on the house.

SLEEP.

Sleeping like exercise, is required by the body as payback for all the punishment we give it. It's pretty simple – no healthy payback (zero or limited exercise and sleep) equals immune system overload, resulting in most likely illness (colds and flu etc). It's simply a protective mechanism telling your body to slow down (or look after yourself).

BOOST IMMUNE SYSTEM.

- a) attempt to limit all simple sugars,
- b) daily dose of yogurt.
- c) heaps of vitamin C.
- d) Beta-Carotene (abundance in carrots) potent antioxidant.
- e) regular exercise – not necessarily highly intense workouts.

RENEW YOUR GYM MEMBERSHIP.

Ensure you return to the furnace early next year.

There you have it, my top ten tips in no particular order. Hopefully they just help you survive the carnage of mid to late December. Ho Ho Ho!

TEAMWORK FOSTERS HEALTHY COMPETITION

Teamwork fosters healthy competition and more importantly, a regular commitment to scheduled exercise. I see my job description at Tattersalls as being a motivator.

My goal has been to encourage and influence members to use our wonderful facilities for the good of their health. I understand that exercise continuity is never easy, particularly given the pace of today's world. Work and family commitments alone chew up a lot of time and scheduling time for you (health renewal) can often slide down the priority list.

Exercise must be motivating. Motivation means you enjoy what you are doing. Self-discipline (used by many to get through a workout) means you complete the task but don't necessarily enjoy it. Given that hopefully by now we all except that regular exercise is necessary in our lives, lets have a look at how to make it motivating.

This is my assessment: Members who are involved in the many clubs seem to attend regularly. There is even a sub culture amongst our many classes throughout the day. Take our early bird 6am class. How Bob Sanders fronts up some mornings is beyond me. His commitment to that class is to be commended. Regardless of the state or time he finishes the previous evening, Bob is always the first one to arrive and

train with overwhelming passion.

I suspect camaraderie has something to do with it. I believe a little competition is also great for the soul. For instance the interest in the swimming Calcutta competition has been overwhelming. I have even caught myself taking interest in Cesar's 50m-sprint time. I am making it my goal to encourage a greater participation in our many sporting clubs. I will personally start and promote a cycling and running club. Information on these clubs and yearly events will be displayed on our new website.

Achieve the following return from your investment of time and join one of our many clubs or classes:

Significantly reduce the potential of CV disease, look leaner, improve posture, reduce back pain, slow the aging process, empower emotions and much more.

STAFF SUPPORT NETWORK

I will be launching our new Staff Support Network in the New Year. This network is being made available to assist all members with their health. Each staff member has been made responsible for a distinct division within the facility. If you are sitting back in your office and feel like you require a personal program for an upcoming ski trip, your Program Director will be Scott Le Jeune. Scott's contact details will be displayed on the website under Member Support Network. Simply contact Scott to coordinate a suitable time. Other disciplines offered are: Fitness Assessments, Nutrition, Core Stability - Pilates, Relaxation comprising of yoga and massage, Boxing, Injury rehabilitation. We all encourage you utilise our skills in health and fitness.

HEART RATE MONITORS

I have made a strong points regarding the value of heart rate monitors. From detecting potential complications to improving your physical performance. Next year we will be

holding specific spin classes using heart rates as a measuring tool. I promise you will learn and appreciate body awareness better than ever before. Put the hard word on family and friends for a Christmas present. Tattersalls still has 5 monitors left to sell. Should you be interested in the best in the business, member Peter Bodor is selling the S610 model for an excellent price. Call me if you are interested.

THIS MONTH IN THE AD

NEW CLASS - Spoga "What the.." Thursday morning classes will now offer a 25-minute spin class followed by 25 minutes of strength related yoga. We are lucky to have Rob Bates on our staff, so Thursday morning it is game on.

NEW BOXING CLASS - FRIDAY 12th LUNCHTIME CIRCUIT.

Leading instructor Scott, will taking a boxing circuit using aerobic stations and apparatus around the gym.

YOGA - The mad Frenchman will be taking the Wednesday yoga class replacing Rob who has changed his shifts. Anthony will provide an exceptional class.

NOTABLE SPORTING FEATS

MARK PRESTON-Mark convincingly won his age group at the Noosa Olympic distance triathlon. Mark is in the form of his life, having won again the following week.

SIMON STORRY - Simon also completed the Noosa triathlon. This was his first triathlon. Besides a numb bum, he completed the event successfully.

NIGEL WATTS - "Achievement of the month," Nigel is to be commended for his result in the Hawkesbury Classic Paddling race. Over 111km of paddling through the night, Nigel completed this epic event in 10hr 51 minutes. In his ski category, he placed a creditable 6th out of 70. An awesome effort. Congratulations

DAVID WILLIAMS - David completed his first half Ironman Triathlon (2k

swim, 90k bike, 21k run) in the sweltering heat of Forster Tuncurry.

RICK GLOVER - Rick is in the form of his cricketing life. He has reclaimed his trusty outswinger and deadly offcutter. With recent figures of 7.3.7.2 (that's 2 for 7 off 7 with three maidens for the buffs), he is eyeing off the current list of injuries in our national cricket team.

DAVID MCLEISH - David at age 84 trains 3 times a week - every week. Champion!

Finally, I would like to wish all members a very happy Christmas and healthy New Year. 2003 in the AD has been an exciting year with number of changes to our establishment. I hope all members have enjoyed the changes and importantly I hope to see you all again next year. The planning for 2004 in the AD has begun.

Our yearly plan will be featured on our website in the near future. We plan to introduce many new healthy alternatives that cater for our growing member base. My goal is to make our facility more inviting to a greater range of people. From hard core trainers to first time exercise goers in their 60's. We will provide an accommodating facility driven by an approachable team of educated staff!

Brad Pamp

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Following the success of our 3 day Tour of Canberra in September and overwhelming interest in the sport, a registered Tattersalls Cycling Club is presently being established.

Next year is shaping up to be an exciting year with two 3 day tours being planned for the Hunter Valley and various other 1 day races.

Indoor training, through our very popular spin classes, will continue with more classes being added to the timetable next year.

Fortnightly training rides will be advertised on this website starting next year. All members are encouraged to introduce friends and guests to our new cycling club.

Please stay tuned to our new website, I will be posting an itinerary for next years events.

Should you be interested in joining our cycling club please contact me.

Brad Pamp

WHAT DOES THE CEO WEAR ON A SATURDAY NIGHT?

A generation ago the big shot who had fought or inherited his way to the top felt he owed it to himself or his wife to look soberly tailored at all times.

Today, the man who has made it walks into a nice restaurant at the week-end, cool, relaxed and untailored. He is the Boss at play.

Some new Italian items for a down-dressed Sydneysider turned up at V.M. this week. The long-sleeved pure silk knitted polo; very good in soft blue. The gutsy knitted-linen V-neck, the colour of lightly-done toast. (The macho way to wear this is straight over the skin). The Sea Island knit cotton; long-sleeved again. This looks good in blue and white with a deep sea blue linen trouser.

Note: Our hero might even toss that knitted linen item round his neck like a scarf.



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The Alan Jones Rugby Lunch



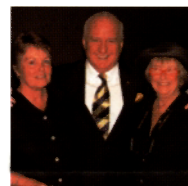
Bob Sanders presents Alan Jones with The Waterford Crystal Trophy



Shelley Taylor-Smith and Craig Riddington



Colin Scotts from Courtneys Post Wines



The Alan Jones Fan Club

Primary Club Cricket Function



Rick Glover giving Mark Waugh and Mark Taylor batting advice



Richie Benaud with Mark Waugh

Golf Championships at NSW GC



Alan Brown and Nick Lefebvre with the Tattersalls big hitters.



Michael Bowe, John Tierney [the winner], Mark Roufeil, Rick Glover and Simon Forsyth

OUT OF AFRICA

Are you game?

Years of watching movies (African Queen, Out of Africa, Gorillas in the Mist) mingled with a steady diet of Discovery Channel combined to create a voracious appetite for a first hand experience of Africa. So when Abercrombie and Kent, the tour operator specialists who've been taking tourists there for 42 years and Qantas, offered a trip to South Africa, I jumped at the chance.

The most memorable highlight was game viewing at Kruger, the very well known national park. A very interesting development is that borders are being removed allowing the game to move around more freely - for visitors a treat.

The big 5 lion, buffalo, elephant, rhino, leopard are what everyone searches for but the females in our group found a sixth just as pulse-raising; the good-looking, charming and informative rangers.

During the game drives we saw herds of elephants with their newborns, leopard, hyena, giraffe, zebra and buffalo - a photographic treat. At a more testing moment male lions surrounded the jeep. On a ranger-guided walk we were accompanied by a gun-carrying tracker (thank goodness) to get a closer look at rare white rhino. This experience was enhanced by an outdoor boma (bush dinner) and sundowner drinks.

We stayed at two lodges on private game reserves on the park's edge, Singita and Tanda.

The first offers ultimate luxury - with private plunge pool, lounge area and outdoor day beds for each lodge (which accommodates two persons). Tanda Tula offers the tented experience - not as ritzy but much more authentic.

A scenic tour de force was Cape Town, with its Point (a meeting of the Atlantic and Indian oceans) naturally splendid with its beaches, coastline and mountain backdrop. Accommodation was tops, at the downtown boutique Cape Grace Hotel located on the waterfront and wine farm Constantia Uitsig with its two acclaimed restaurants.

Johannesburg, the gateway to South Africa, is 13 hours flying time from

Sydney. It is a dangerous city but for one that offers good value shopping and eating at ritzy areas Sandton and Hyde Park. The Saxon Hotel, set on beautiful grounds, is worth a visit.

For those more game, the tour to Soweto is an eye opener to the political situation.

South Africa, A&K and Qantas combine to offer some top value packages. For all bookings and further information call Barbara Whitten at Anywhere Travel 96630411 or email barbaraw@anywheretravel.com.au.

SPECIAL AIRFARES FOR THE MONTH



- *United & Singapore Airlines First Class Round World airfare \$9245.
- *United & Singapore Airlines Business class Round World airfare \$6825.
- *Cathay Pacific and Swiss special Business class airfare to Europe and Tel Aviv from \$6700.
- *"Qantas Early Bird" special airfare to London and Europe for 2004 from \$1799 sold in conjunction with minimum land arrangements. Booked and paid for by 31 January.
- *Singapore Airlines special economy class airfare to Tokyo via Singapore from \$1145.
- *Cathay Pacific special economy class airfare to Beijing via Hong Kong from \$1600.
- *Lauda/Austrian Airlines economy class special airfare to London and Europe from \$1575.
- *Qantas Airways economy class special airfare to Johannesburg \$2010.
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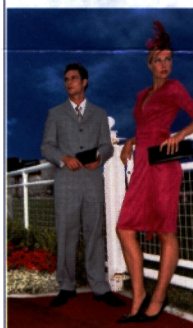
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swimming

In month 9 Bob "I'll make sure I win one monthly" Hudson won the 50 metres point score and Pat 'The Rat' Bryant won the 100 metre Clock Hotel Award.

Month 10 saw Brendan Maher and Greg 'Mad Dog' McMahon dead heat for the 50 metres point score and Brendan Maher also took out the 100 metres Clock Hotel Award.

The yearly winners of 50m and 100m were Greg McMahon and Brendan Maher, must be something about their names. Considering not so long ago they could not swim out of sight, a great effort by both. A result of not missing many squad sessions. Well done boys, but don't expect any leniency from the handicappers next year!

The Calcutta is producing some great racing with more disqualifications and very close racing. As Latham would say, "The touch pads are worth their weight in rocking horse poop".

The Championships resulted in upsets in the 50m and 100m with Mike Ward's crown finally being lifted by 'Steel' Thiel. We had plenty of spectators at the Championships and I made the ultimate sacrifice of being beaten by 'Mad Dog'. The 400m and the Calcutta finals are shaping up to be fantastic races with our best going head to head.

Club Championship Results

OPEN 50m		Time
1	Peter Thiel	25.449
2	Michael Ward	25.846
3	Grant Peters	26.679

OPEN 100m		Time
1	Peter Thiel	56.355
2	Michael Ward	56.738
3	Grant Peters	57.725

AGE		Time
30-34	Peter Thiel	27.11
35-39	Anthony Powder	26.97
40-44	Mike Gillis	27.711
45-49	Pat Bryant	28.808
50-54	Rob Farrell	30.563
55-59	Russ Debney	31.03
60-64	Peter Gibson	32.054
Over 65	John Greaves	37.747

Ocean Swim Report

"This year, swimming training at Tattersalls has continued to gain popularity amongst the members thanks to the solid base of enthusiasm and swimming skills established by the late Harry Turner. No doubt he would be smiling at the prospect of us thinking about the introduction of another two sessions per week to cater for the increasing numbers.

The swimming squad appears to be becoming more goals oriented, and as a result, the Tattersalls Ocean Swimming Team is becoming bigger and better than ever with members keen to put their hard training to work.

The Ocean Swim Calendar is bigger than ever, with at least 1 swim each weekend for the next 3-4 months.

A strong contingent of around 20 Tatts members turned up for the Coogee Wedding Cake island swim. Tatts had pre-entered 2 teams:

Tattersalls One

Peter Thiel, Mick Gillis, John de Mestre and Richard Jagger.

Tattersalls Two

Glenn Atkins, Luke Morgan, Alex Pope and Alex Thorpe.

In an ominous sign for the 2004 Ocean Swim series, John de Mestre left the Tatts swimmers in his wake taking out the 40-49 age group and coming in an impressive 4th overall. Peter Thiel followed with 14th overall with Callum MacLeod proving that a lack of race fitness can be compensated by ocean swimming experience coming in a surprising 21st overall. Great swims were also recorded by Brendan Maher, David Kemp, Michael Gallagher, the Clyne brothers (not Shaun who slept in?), Mark Roufeil and Bruce Baird.

With an even larger contingent of Tatts members lining up for the Bondi to Bronte swim, there is no doubt that Tattersalls swimmers will be well-represented in the finishing order." Peter Thiel

The Swimming Club wishes Mike, the pool deck's illustrious chef, the very best on his departure for

Queensland and we thank him for the great service he provided during his time with us.

Our continued best wishes go to Billy Debney who at least hasn't forgotten his favourite (breast) stroke, although still a bit slow. Hope to see Bill fully recovered when the new season commences.

I wish to conclude by thanking all of you who have made another year of swimming very enjoyable. Particularly to fellow Committee Members but not forgetting time keepers and judges. The spirit of co-operation is very encouraging and I wish you a safe and happy festive season. You will all no doubt look forward to getting a second back in 2004 – and remember don't ask me for an email reply!!

Results of month 9 swimming were:

Tattersalls Gift Voucher 50m Award

1. Bob Hudson 40
2. Peter Gibson 32
3. Greg McMahon 30

Clock Hotel 100m Award

1. Pat Bryant 26
2. Richard Jagger 23
3. Greg McMahon 23

Swimmer of the Month 9 - Manchester Unity Award

Committee's choice – Andrew Torok

Results of month 10 swimming were:

Tattersalls Gift Voucher 50m Award

1. Brendan Maher 29
- Greg McMahon 29
2. David Castle 28

Year End – 50m

1. Greg McMahon 243.5
2. Peter Thiel 217.5
3. Andrew Torok 196

Clock Hotel 100m Award Year

1. Brendan Maher 28
2. Peter Thiel 26
3. Pat Bryant 23

End – 100m

1. Brendan Maher 207
2. Pat Bryant 203
3. Peter Thiel 198

Swimmer of Month – 10 Manchester Unity Award

Committee's choice - Cesar Puertolas

Col Bowes Memorial Trophy

Anthony Powter

CALCUTTA RESULTS TO DATE: ROUND 1

Reichelt v Currl	Currl 2-0
Austin v Clyne	Clyne 2-1
Puertolas v Smart	Puertolas 2-1
Storry v Atkins	Storry 2-0
Ward v Joseph	Ward 2-1
Castle v McMahon	McMahon 2-0
Glover v Harvey	Glover 2-0
Gibson v Gillis	Gillis 2-1
De Mestre v Farrell	De Mestre 2-0
Pendleton v Nolan	Pendleton 2-0
Tuite v Pope	Tuite 2-0
Thorpe v Murray	Thorpe (Murray disqualified)

Werner v Bryant	Werner 2-0
Woodhouse v Thiel	Thiel 2-0
Hudson v McConnell	
McConnell (Hudson disqualified)	
Simpson v Jagger	Jagger 2-0
O'Halloran v McCosker	
O'Halloran (McCosker disqualified)	
Lefevbre v Maher	Lefevbre 2-1
Morgan v Morgan	(Bye)

Slatter v Powter	Powter (Slatter disqualified)
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Torok v Lemmey	Torok 2-0
Kemp v Debney	Debney 2-0
Macleod v Wilson	Macleod 2-1
Roufeil v Robinson	Roufeil
Robinson disqualified	

ROUND 2

Storry v Ward	Ward 2-1
Macleod v Macleod	(Bye)
McMahon v Currl	Currl 2-0
Ken Glover	Glover (Bye)
Gillis v DeMestre	De Mestre 2-0
Torok	Torok (Bye)
Pendleton	Pendleton (Bye)
Tuite	Tuite (Bye)
Thorpe v Clyne	Clyne 2-0
Werner v Thiel	Thiel (Werner disqualified)
McConnell	McConnell (Bye)
Jagger v O'Halloran	Jagger (2-0)
Lefevbre	Lefevbre (Bye)
Debney v Morgan	Morgan (2-0)
Puertolas v Powter	Puertolas (2-0)
Roufeil	Roufeil (Bye)



ROUND 3

Torok v De Mestre	De Mestre (2-1)
Clyne v Thiel	Thiel (2-0)
McConnell v Jagger	Jagger (2-0)
Ward v Macleod	Ward (2-0)
Glover v Currl	Currl (2-1)
Puertolas v Roufeil	Roufeil (2-0)

COMING EVENTS

- 11 December 2003 – Calcutta
- 12 December 2003 – Christmas lunch preceded by 400m Final

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membership survey

Undertaken by Nigel Watts, Tattersalls member & director of Futureplatform.



The club recently conducted a member survey to determine:

1. Opinions, thoughts and perceptions in regard to Tattersalls services and events.
2. Suggestions regarding continued improvements in the service provision.
3. What members want and believe should be the priorities for Tattersalls over the next 12 months.

Thank you to those members who took the time to complete the survey during September. The results have recently been reviewed and the valuable feedback obtained has been used to formulate draft plans and ideas for the club going forward. The results to all questions will be downloaded onto the website for your perusal in the New Year, meanwhile below are some of the more interesting findings.

95.9% of survey respondents indicated they were proud to show friends the club (Question 35). This is a very encouraging figure and gives the committee a general green light for the continued development of the club.

When asked whether member's expectations were currently being met, 83% of respondents indicated 'agree' or 'strongly agree' (Question 2). Another positive result in regards to the service provision.

The newsletter has proved the most popular communication medium, with over 70% of respondents now accessing the newsletter and other information electronically. We are currently updating our website and email system to make this information more accessible.

The feedback regarding the Athletic Department was fantastic. 100% of survey respondents who were Athletic Department members indicated that the increased changes and the increase in programs in the AD has made them more willing to participate. This result can be directly attributed to the work of Brad, Scott and the whole AD team in building programmes based around the broader health and lifestyle issues of our members.

When looking at the length of our membership there are some interesting figures, 46% of our members have been members for over 10 years, 22% between 5 & 9 years and 32% between 1 & 4 years. This is valuable information for the committee to consider when planning for future member facilities within the club.

Several areas for improvement were also identified:

Food preparation areas and changing room facilities within the AD.

Regarding the food preparation area, this will be totally refurbished on the 12th & 13th December. The building quote for the changing room facilities is currently being finalised and we intend to commence work in January during the quiet time.

Updating facilities such as the Third Floor functions room and Bar/Brasserie. We are continually seeking feedback on these areas.

Increasing the number of events and functions offered. The club aims to increase the opportunities to attend sporting events and other social functions (e.g. theatre, club lunches)

We look forward to concentrating on some of these specific findings by conducting focus groups with members in the New Year.

All members are invited to attend. The focus groups will be conducted by one of our members who also compiled the survey, Nigel Watts from Future Platform.

Thanks again to those who participated in the survey.